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**COMMISSION ON
STATE MANDATES**

Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms Higashi:

As requested in your letter of October 15, 2003, the Department of Finance has reviewed the test claim submitted by the County of San Bernardino (claimant) asking the Commission to determine whether specified costs incurred under Chapter 260, Statutes of 2000 (SB 414) are reimbursable state mandated costs (Claim No. CSM 03-TC-23 "Voter Identification Procedures"). Commencing with page 1 of the test claim, the claimant has identified the following new duty, which it asserts constitutes a reimbursable state mandate:

- Comparing signatures between provisional ballot envelopes and voter's affidavits of registration.

As the result of our review, we have concluded that Chapter 260 may have resulted in new state-mandated activities.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your October 15, 2003 letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Keith Gmeinder, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-8913, or Rachael LaFlam, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

James E. Tilton
Program Budget Manager

Attachments

Attachment A

DECLARATION OF
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CLAIM NO.

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.
2. We concur that the sections relevant to this claim are accurately quoted in the test claim submitted by claimants and, therefore, we do not restate them in this declaration.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

November 14, 2003
at Sacramento, CA

Keith Gmeinder
Keith Gmeinder

PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Voter Identification Procedures
Test Claim Number: 03-TC-23

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, eighth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On November 14, 2003, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and non-state agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, eighth Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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Department of Finance
Attention: Keith Gmeinder
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Sacramento, CA 95814

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 14, 2003 at Sacramento, California.


Mary Latorre